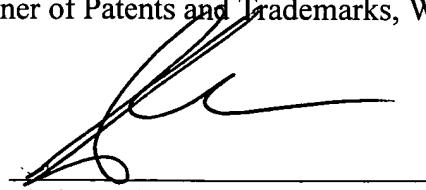


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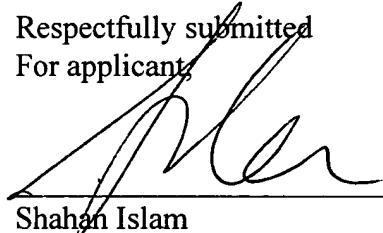
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With the submission of this admitted prior art, applicants thus comply with the duty of disclosure as set forth at 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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